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SUBJECT: COLA GUAM

DOTA NO. 085-MS

FOR AXEL HEIMER, ACTING COMPTROLLER FOR GUAM/TTPI. THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAS COMPLETED ITS 1975 REVIEW OF THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES IN NONFOREIGN AREAS UNDER 5 U.S.C. 5941, EXECUTIVE ORDER 10,000, AND PART 591 OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS.

ALLOWANCE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, UP OR DOWN, AFTER EACH COMMISSION REVIEW. THE LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR AN ALLOWANCE TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING, AS SUCH. RATHER, IT PROVIDES FOR AN ALLOWANCE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN LIVING COSTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE SO-CALLED NONFOREIGN AREAS, WHEN LIVING COSTS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN COMPARABLE COSTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN FPM LETTER 591-16, DATED NOV. 16, 1976, THE COMMISSION SET NEW COLA ALLOWANCES FOR GUAM. WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL HAS FEDERAL, PRIVATE, OR MILITARY HOUSING AND/OR ACCESS TO

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COMMISSARY/EXCHANGE FACILITIES ARE THE BASES FOR DETERMIN-

ING THE AMOUNT OF COLA AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE WILL RECEIVE.
THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF POST DIFFERENT-
IAL. IN ADDITION, THIS FPM LETTER DOES NOT CHANGE THE
PROVISION THAT PAYMENT FOR COLA, PD, OR BOTH, MAY NOT EX-
CEED 25 OF THE RATE OF AN EMPLOYEE'S BASIC PAY. THERE-
FORE, CABLE THIS OFFICE BY DEC. 8, 1976, THE NAMES OF
THE EMPLOYEES STATIONED ON GUAM WHO FALL IN THE FOLLOWING
CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY I

LOCAL RETAIL/ THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE FEDERAL
PRIVATE HOUSING: EMPLOYEES WHO PURCHASE GOODS AND
SERVICES ONLY FROM PRIVATE RETAIL
ESTABLISHMENTS AND WHO OCCUPY HOUSING
UNITS THAT ARE PRIVATELY OWNED OR RENT-
ED;

CATEGORY II THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE FEDERAL
LOCAL RETAIL/ EMPLOYEES WHO PURCHASE GOODS AND SERV-
FEDERAL HOUSING: ICES ONLY FROM PRIVATE RETAIL ESTAB-
LISHMENTS AND WHO OCCUPY HOUSING UNITS
THAT ARE OWNED OR LEASED BY A FEDERAL
AGENCY;

CATEGORY III THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE FEDERAL
COMMISSARY/PX/ EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
PRIVATE HOUSING: MILITARY COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE FACIL-
ITIES AND WHO OCCUPY HOUSING UNITS
THAT ARE PRIVATELY OWNED OR LEASED;

CATEGORY IV THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE FEDERAL
COMMISSARY/PX/ EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
FEDERAL HOUSING: MILITARY COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE FAC-
ILITIES AND WHO OCCUPY HOUSING UNITS
THAT ARE OWNED OR LEASED BY A FEDERAL
AGENCY;

XATEGORY V THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES THOSE FEDERAL
COMMISSARY/PX/ EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
MILITARY HOUSING MILITARY COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE
FACILITIES AND WHO OCCUPY EITHER ON-
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BASE MILITARY HOUSING UNITS OR OFF-
BASE HOUSING FOR WHICH A HOUSING ALL-
OWANCE IS PAID UNDER THE MILITARY HOUS-
ING PROGRAM;

EACH EMPLOYEE STATIONED ON GUAM WILL FALL INTO ONE OF THE
CATEGORIES. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE PROVIDED FOR

THOSE EMPLOYEES STATIONED ON SAIPAN AS THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A FOREIGN AREA AND IS SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT ALLOW-
ANCEREGULATIONS. AS THIS INFORMATION IS A SYSTEM OF RECORDS, THE FOLLOWING WILL SERVE AS THE PRIVACY ACT NOTICE FOR COLA INFORMATION:

GENERAL - THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 93-579 (PRIVACY ACT OF 1974), DECEMBER 31, 1974, FOR EMPLOYEES COMPLETING COLA DATA SHEET;

AUTHORITY - THIS INFORMATION IS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. 5941, EXECUTIVE ORDER 10,000 AND FPM LETTER 591-16 DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1976;

PURPOSES AND USES - THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THIS REQUEST WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE PROPER COLA RATE FOR EACH ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE DISCLOSED TO AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;

EFFECTS OF NON-DISCLOSURE - THE DISCLOSURE OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. HOWEVER, FAILURE TO PROVIDE IT WILL RESULT IN AN EMPLOYEE BEING PLACED IN THE LOWEST ALLOWANCE CATEGORY FOR HIS/HER GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

EACH AFFECTED EMPLOYEE WILL BE RECEIVING A WRITTEN FOLLOW-UP MEMORANDUM TO THIS CABLE. THIS WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION HAS NO EFFECT ON THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THIS CABLE.

PLEASE SEND ANSWER TO THE ATTENTION OF KATHY MEALY,
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